

**PINELLAS COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)
CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Pinellas County has developed a Citizen Participation Plan in compliance with the following regulations and Federal Register Notices (FRNs) for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant funds awarded to the County in response to Hurricanes Idalia, Helene, and Milton that occurred in 2023 and 2024:

- Federal Register Notice [90 FR 1754](#), January 8, 2025 (The Universal Notice), as amended March 19, 2025, at FR-6489-N-01 and in subsequent revisions issued by HUD
- Federal Register Notice [90 FR 4759](#), January 16, 2025 (Allocation Notice)
- 24 CFR 91.105 Citizen Participation Plan; Local Governments

The purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), pursuant to above referenced FRNs, is to set forth the policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of the Pinellas County CDBG-DR Action Plan and any substantial amendments. The CPP is intended to provide an effective means of involvement in all phases of Pinellas County's CDBG-DR Action Plan process by an informed citizenry.

The CPP provides a streamlined process and ensures disaster recovery grants are awarded in a timely manner. Provisions of 42 U.S.C. 5304(a)(2) and (3), 42 U.S.C. 12707, 24 CFR 570.486, 24 CFR 1003.604, 24 CFR 91.105(b) through (d), with respect to citizen participation requirements, are waived and replaced by alternative requirements in The Universal Notice.

Availability for Viewing

A draft of the Pinellas County Citizen Participation Plan is available for viewing and public comment from May 4, 2025, to May 19, 2025. The draft document will be available on the Pinellas County's Disaster Recovery website at <https://recover.pinellas.gov> and at the following locations between May 4, 2025 and May 19, 2025:

- Pinellas County Community Development, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756
- City of Largo Community Development Department, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33779
- Lealman Exchange Community Center, 5175 45th Street N, Lealman, FL 33714

Additionally, the plan is available in paper format, .pdf, or in formats which are accessible to persons with disabilities, by request by contacting the Pinellas County Community Development Division at 727-464-8210 or by email at cdplanning@pinellas.gov. Public comment on the CPP is invited and should be emailed to cdplanning@pinellas.gov or mailed to the Pinellas County Community Development Division at the address above.

Community development and housing programs are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with equal employment opportunities, affirmative action, and fair housing requirements. Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for information in alternative formats should be directed to Community Development staff at 727-464-8210.